

I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates. The newspaper/broadcast

cross-ownership cap is a crucial element of our democratic media, and it should not be weakened.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: I am availing myself of this response format, but please understand that the comments above fully reflect my individual position. In brief, the freedom of American media has already been threatened by increased consolidation, often into corporations of foreign origin. I urge you to maintain the restrictions on cross-ownership of newspapers and broadcast stations.